

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 4-6, 8-23, 25-85, 88-176, 193 and 197-211 are pending. All grounds of rejection have been overcome by amendment of the claims or argument.

Rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 4-6, 8 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Du et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,450,272.) In particular, the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th compounds of table III, wherein Ar₁ is phenyl, Ar₂ is piperazinyl, A is NH, Z is S and R₃ and R₄ are both hydrogen were cited as being anticipatory in the office action. A review of the cited reference suggests that the compounds relied on for the rejection are from table II, and not table III, and that the definition of Ar₂ should be "pyrazinyl" and not "piperazinyl." Therefore, this response accordingly addresses this rejection as being based on the compounds in table II, which contain a pyrazinyl ring system. If Applicants are mistaken, clarification from the Examiner is respectfully requested.

As amended, claims 4, 8, and 31 are not anticipated by Du et al. Specifically, Applicants have removed "pyrazinyl" from the definition of Ar₂. Consequently,

Applicants request that the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) be withdrawn.

Rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 4-6, 8-9, 27, 31-32, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing new matter. The Examiner has suggested that "heterocycle" be replaced with the phrase "saturated heterocyclic ring." Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion in claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 27, 31, 32, and 50.

Applicants note that claim 6 does not contain the objected to term and consequently request that the rejection of claim 6 based on 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

Applicants also note that in some instances, the word "heterocycle" was not amended to "saturated heterocyclic ring." See for example claim 4, where, in the definition of R_3 and R_4 , the phrase "optionally substituted saturated or partially unsaturated heterocycle of from 5 to 8 atoms, which saturated or partially unsaturated heterocycle" was amended to "optionally substituted saturated heterocyclic ring or partially unsaturated heterocycle of from 5 to 8 atoms, which saturated heterocyclic ring or partially

unsaturated heterocycle..." In situations such as this, the term "heterocycle" was originally in the claim and, therefore, does not seem to present any new matter issues.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 4-6, 8-23, 25-85, 88-176, 193, 197-211 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, in claim 4 and elsewhere, the phrase "optionally substituted" is objected to as being indefinite. Applicants note that the objected to phrase is defined on pages 42-43 of the application as originally filed and that using the phrase "optionally substituted" avoids unnecessarily long claims.

Claim 193 also stands rejected because the phrase "the compound or salt is not addictive" is allegedly not clear. Applicants respectfully reiterate the arguments made in the prior response and per the Examiner's request, the Applicants are resending a copy of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (the American Psychiatric Association, 2000)

pages 192-198. Consequently, applicants request that the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

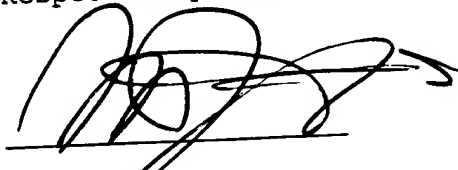
Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose herewith copies of the references cited in the PTO Form 1449 submitted previously. Applicants further note that the reference citations on the form PTO 1449 included with the supplemental information disclosure statement (IDS) were not initialed. It is unclear as to whether the Examiner has considered those references. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner initial the reference citations on the form 1449 and provide the Applicants a copy of the initialed form 1449.

Furthermore, the Applicants are resubmitting all of the references disclosed in the original IDS. These references were not considered because certain unidentified references were apparently missing. Applicants are resending all of the references together with form PTO 1449 and request that they be considered.

Allowance of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes that discussion of the application will be helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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neptic Disorder, Substance-Induced Psychotic Disorder, Substance-Induced Mood Disorder, Substance-Induced Anxiety Disorder, Substance-Induced Sexual Dysfunction, and Substance-Induced Sleep Disorder). The section begins with the text and criteria sets for Substance Dependence, Abuse, Intoxication, and Withdrawal that are applicable across classes of substances. This is followed by general comments concerning associated features; culture, age, and gender features; course; impairment and complications; familial pattern; differential diagnosis; and recording procedures that apply to all substance classes. The remainder of the section is organized by class of substance and describes the specific aspects of Dependence, Abuse, Intoxication, and Withdrawal for each of the 11 classes of substances. It should be noted that the Prevalence sections of the substance-specific texts contain survey data indicating rates of substance use in various age groups, as well as the lifetime and 1-year prevalence of Dependence and Abuse. To facilitate differential diagnosis, the text and criteria for the remaining Substance-Induced Disorders are included in the sections of the manual with disorders with which they share phenomenology (e.g., Substance-Induced Mood Disorder is included in the "Mood Disorders" section). The diagnoses associated with each specific group of substances are shown in Table 1.

Substance Use Disorders

Substance Dependence

Features

The essential feature of Substance Dependence is a cluster of cognitive, behavioral, and physiological symptoms indicating that the individual continues use of the substance despite significant substance-related problems. There is a pattern of repeated self-administration that can result in tolerance, withdrawal, and compulsive drug-taking behavior. A diagnosis of Substance Dependence can be applied to every class of substances except caffeine. The symptoms of Dependence are similar across various categories of substances, but for certain classes some symptoms are less salient, and in a few instances not all symptoms apply (e.g., withdrawal symptoms are not specified for Hallucinogen Dependence). Although not specifically listed as a criterion item, "craving" (a strong subjective drive to use the substance) is likely to be experienced by most (if not all) individuals with Substance Dependence. Dependence is defined as a cluster of three or more of the symptoms listed below occurring at any time in the same 12-month period.

Tolerance (Criterion 1) is the need for greatly increased amounts of the substance to achieve intoxication (or the desired effect) or a markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of the substance. The degree to which tolerance develops varies greatly across substances. Furthermore, for a specific drug, various degrees of tolerance may develop for its different central nervous system effects—for example, for opioids, tolerance to respiratory depression and tolerance to analgesia develop at different rates. Individuals with heavy use of opioids and stimulants

	Depen- dence	Abuse	Intoxica- tion	With- drawal	Intoxica- tion Delirium	With- drawal Delirium	Dementia	Amnesic Disorder	Psychotic Disorders	Mood Disorders	Anxiety Disorders	Sexual Dysfunc- tions	Sleep Disorders
Alcohol	X	X	X	X	I	I	W	P	IW	IW	IW	I	IW
Amphet- amines	X	X	X	X	I	I			I	IW	I	I	IW
Caffeine			X										
Cannabis	X	X	X		I				I		I	I	I
Cocaine	X	X	X	X	I				I	IW	IW	I	IW
Hallucino- gens	X	X	X		I				I*	I	I		
Inhalants	X	X	X		I				I	I	I		
Nicotine	X			X			P						
Opi- oids	X	X	X	X	I				I	I		I	IW
Phencycli- dine	X	X	X		I				I	I	I		
Sedatives, hypnotics, anxiolytics	X	X	X	X	I		W	P	IW	IW	W	I	IW
Polysub- stance	X												
Other	X	X	X	X	I	I	W	P	IW	IW	IW	I	IW

*Also Hallucinogen Persisting Perception Disorder (Flashbacks).

Note. X, I, W, IW, or P indicates that the category is recognized in DSM-IV. In addition, / indicates that the specifier With Onset During Intoxication may be noted for the category (except for Intoxication Delirium); W indicates that the specifier With Onset During Withdrawal may be noted for the category (except for Withdrawal Delirium); and IW indicates that either With Onset During Intoxication or With Onset During Withdrawal may be noted for the category. P indicates that the disorder is Persisting.

develop substantial (e.g., 10-fold) levels of tolerance, often to a dosage that would be lethal to a nonuser. Alcohol tolerance can also be pronounced, but is usually less extreme than for amphetamine. Many individuals who smoke cigarettes consume more than 20 cigarettes a day, an amount that would have produced symptoms of toxicity when they first started smoking. Individuals with heavy use of cannabis or phencyclidine (PCP) are generally not aware of having developed tolerance (although it has been demonstrated in animal studies and in some individuals). Tolerance may be difficult to determine by history alone when the substance used is illegal and perhaps mixed with various diluents or with other substances. In such situations, laboratory tests may be helpful (e.g., high blood levels of the substance coupled with little evidence of intoxication suggest that tolerance is likely). Tolerance must also be distinguished from individual variability in the initial sensitivity to the effects of particular substances. For example, some first-time drinkers show very little evidence of intoxication with three or four drinks, whereas others of similar weight and drinking histories have slurred speech and incoordination.

Withdrawal (Criterion 2a) is a maladaptive behavioral change, with physiological and cognitive concomitants, that occurs when blood or tissue concentrations of a substance decline in an individual who had maintained prolonged heavy use of the substance. After developing unpleasant withdrawal symptoms, the person is likely to take the substance to relieve or to avoid those symptoms (Criterion 2b), typically using the substance throughout the day beginning soon after awakening. Withdrawal symptoms, which are generally the opposite of the acute effects of the substance, vary greatly across the classes of substances, and separate criteria sets for Withdrawal are provided for most of the classes. Marked and generally easily measured physiological signs of withdrawal are common with alcohol, opioids, and sedatives, hypnotics, and anxiolytics. Withdrawal signs and symptoms are often present, but may be less apparent, with stimulants such as amphetamines and cocaine, as well as with nicotine and cannabis. No significant withdrawal is seen even after repeated use of hallucinogens. Withdrawal from phencyclidine and related substances has not yet been described in humans (although it has been demonstrated in animals). Neither tolerance nor withdrawal is necessary or sufficient for a diagnosis of Substance Dependence. However, for most classes of substances, a past history of tolerance or withdrawal is associated with a more severe clinical course (i.e., an earlier onset of Dependence, higher levels of substance intake, and a greater number of substance-related problems). Some individuals (e.g., those with Cannabis Dependence) show a pattern of compulsive use without obvious signs of tolerance or withdrawal. Conversely, some general medical and postsurgical patients without Opioid Dependence may develop a tolerance to prescribed opioids and experience withdrawal symptoms without showing any signs of compulsive use. The specifiers With Physiological Dependence and Without Physiological Dependence are provided to indicate the presence or absence of tolerance or withdrawal.

The following items describe the pattern of compulsive substance use that is characteristic of Dependence. The individual may take the substance in larger amounts or over a longer period than was originally intended (e.g., continuing to drink until severely intoxicated despite having set a limit of only one drink) (Criterion 3). The individual may express a persistent desire to cut down or regulate substance use. Often there have been many unsuccessful efforts to decrease or discontinue use (Criterion 4).

An individual may spend a great deal of time obtaining the substance, using the substance, or recovering from its effects (Criterion 5). In some instances of Substance Dependence, virtually all of the person's daily activities revolve around the substance. Important social, occupational, or recreational activities may be given up or reduced because of substance use (Criterion 6). The individual may withdraw from family activities and hobbies in order to use the substance in private or to spend more time with substance-using friends. Despite recognizing the contributing role of the substance to a psychological or physical problem (e.g., severe depressive symptoms or damage to organ systems), the person continues to use the substance (Criterion 7). The key issue in evaluating this criterion is not the existence of the problem, but rather the individual's failure to abstain from using the substance despite having evidence of the difficulty it is causing.

Specifiers

Tolerance and withdrawal may be associated with a higher risk for immediate general medical problems and a higher relapse rate. Specifiers are provided to note their presence or absence:

With Physiological Dependence. This specifier should be used when Substance Dependence is accompanied by evidence of tolerance (Criterion 1) or withdrawal (Criterion 2).

Without Physiological Dependence. This specifier should be used when there is no evidence of tolerance (Criterion 1) or withdrawal (Criterion 2). In these individuals, Substance Dependence is characterized by a pattern of compulsive use (at least three items from Criteria 3-7).


Course Specifiers

Course specifiers are available for Substance Dependence. The four Remission specifiers can be applied only after none of the criteria for Substance Dependence or Substance Abuse have been present for at least 1 month. For those criteria that require current problems, a remission specifier can apply only if no aspect of the criterion has been present (e.g., one incident of driving while intoxicated would suffice to disqualify the individual from being considered in remission). The definition of these types of Remission is based on the interval of time that has elapsed since the cessation of Dependence (Early versus Sustained Remission) and whether there is continued presence of one or more of the items included in the criteria sets for Dependence or Abuse (Partial versus Full Remission). Because the first 12 months following Dependence is a time of particularly high risk for relapse, this period is designated Early Remission. After 12 months of Early Remission have passed without relapse to Dependence, the person enters into Sustained Remission. For both Early Remission and Sustained Remission, a further designation of Full is given if no criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met during the period of remission; a designation of Partial is given if at least one of the criteria for Dependence or Abuse has been met, intermittently or continuously, during the period of remission. The differentiation of Sustained Full Remission from recovered (no current Substance Use Dis-

order) requires consideration of the length of time since the last period of disturbance, the total duration of the disturbance, and the need for continued evaluation. If, after a period of remission or recovery, the individual again becomes dependent, the application of the Early Remission specifier requires that there again be at least 1 month in which no criteria for Dependence or Abuse are met. Two additional specifiers have been provided: On Agonist Therapy and In a Controlled Environment. For an individual to qualify for Early Remission after cessation of agonist therapy or release from a controlled environment, there must be a 1-month period in which none of the criteria for Dependence or Abuse are met.

The following Remission specifiers can be applied only after no criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met for at least 1 month. Note that these specifiers do not apply if the individual is on agonist therapy or in a controlled environment (see below).

Early Full Remission. This specifier is used if, for at least 1 month, but for less than 12 months, no criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met.




Dependence 1 0-11 months
month

Early Partial Remission. This specifier is used if, for at least 1 month, but less than 12 months, one or more criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met (but the full criteria for Dependence have not been met).




Dependence 1 0-11 months
month

Sustained Full Remission. This specifier is used if none of the criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met at any time during a period of 12 months or longer.



Dependence 1 11+ months
month

Sustained Partial Remission. This specifier is used if full criteria for Dependence have not been met for a period of 12 months or longer; however, one or more criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met.



Dependence 1 11+ months
month

The following specifiers apply if the individual is on agonist therapy or in a controlled environment:

On Agonist Therapy. This specifier is used if the individual is on a prescribed agonist medication such as methadone and no criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met for that class of medication for at least the past month (except tolerance to, or withdrawal from, the agonist). This category also applies to those being treated for Dependence using a partial agonist or an agonist/antagonist.

In a Controlled Environment. This specifier is used if the individual is in an environment where access to alcohol and controlled substances is restricted, and no criteria for Dependence or Abuse have been met for at least the past month. Examples of these environments are closely supervised and substance-free jails, therapeutic communities, or locked hospital units.

Criteria for Substance Dependence

A maladaptive pattern of substance use, leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, as manifested by three (or more) of the following, occurring at any time in the same 12-month period:

- (1) tolerance, as defined by either of the following:
 - (a) a need for markedly increased amounts of the substance to achieve intoxication or desired effect
 - (b) markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of the substance
- (2) withdrawal, as manifested by either of the following:
 - (a) the characteristic withdrawal syndrome for the substance (refer to Criteria A and B of the criteria sets for Withdrawal from the specific substances)
 - (b) the same (or a closely related) substance is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms
- (3) the substance is often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended
- (4) there is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control substance use
- (5) a great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain the substance (e.g., visiting multiple doctors or driving long distances), use the substance (e.g., chain-smoking), or recover from its effects
- (6) important social, occupational, or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of substance use
- (7) the substance use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been caused or exacerbated by the substance (e.g., current cocaine use despite recognition of cocaine-induced depression, or continued drinking despite recognition that an ulcer was made worse by alcohol consumption)

Criteria for Substance Dependence (continued)

Specify if:

With Physiological Dependence: evidence of tolerance or withdrawal
(i.e., either Item 1 or 2 is present)

Without Physiological Dependence: no evidence of tolerance or withdrawal
(i.e., neither Item 1 nor 2 is present)

Course specifiers (see text for definitions):

Early Full Remission

Early Partial Remission

Sustained Full Remission

Sustained Partial Remission

On Agonist Therapy

In a Controlled Environment

Substance Abuse**Features**

The essential feature of Substance Abuse is a maladaptive pattern of substance use manifested by recurrent and significant adverse consequences related to the repeated use of substances. In order for an Abuse criterion to be met, the substance-related problem must have occurred repeatedly during the same 12-month period or been persistent. There may be repeated failure to fulfill major role obligations, repeated use in situations in which it is physically hazardous, multiple legal problems, and recurrent social and interpersonal problems (Criterion A). Unlike the criteria for Substance Dependence, the criteria for Substance Abuse do not include tolerance, withdrawal, or a pattern of compulsive use and instead include only the harmful consequences of repeated use. A diagnosis of Substance Abuse is preempted by the diagnosis of Substance Dependence if the individual's pattern of substance use has ever met the criteria for Dependence for that class of substances (Criterion B). Although a diagnosis of Substance Abuse is more likely in individuals who have only recently started taking the substance, some individuals continue to have substance-related adverse social consequences over a long period of time without developing evidence of Substance Dependence. The category of Substance Abuse does not apply to caffeine and nicotine. The term *abuse* should be applied only to a pattern of substance use that meets the criteria for this disorder; the term should not be used as a synonym for "use," "misuse," or "hazardous use."

The individual may repeatedly demonstrate intoxication or other substance-related symptoms when expected to fulfill major role obligations at work, school, or home (Criterion A1). There may be repeated absences or poor work performance related to recurrent hangovers. A student might have substance-related absences, suspensions, or expulsions from school. While intoxicated, the individual may neglect children or household duties. The person may repeatedly be intoxicated in situations that are

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